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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM ROME DATED NOVEMBER 11, 1977
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO USUN NEW YORK, BONN, LONDON,
PARIS, OTTAWA IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AORG, FAO
SUBJ: FAO MEMBERSHIP: COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA

REF: STATE 272029

1. USDEL (BAKER) VOTED NOV. 14 AGAINST COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA
AND IN FAVOR OF ANGOLA, COMOROS, DPRK, DJIBOUTI, MOZAD QUE,
SAO TOME, SAND SEYCHELLES.

2. FOLLOWING VOTE USDEL MADE BRIEF STATEMENT ON CON-
STITUTIONAL ISSUE AFTER HAVING ALERTED AFRICAN GROUP
THAT HE COULD DO SO. REACTION WAS RESTRAINED DESPITE
DISEPPOINTMENT OVER NEGATIVE VOTES.

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3. BEGIN TEXT: I WISH ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT,
TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN EXHLANATION OF VOTE: THE
UNITED STATES VOTED AGAINST THE ADMISSION OF NAMIBIA AS
REPRESENTED BY THE COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA FOR REASONS OF A
CONSTITUTIONAL NATURE. WE TAKE THE VIEW THAT A STATE OR NATION
IN THE SENSE MEANT BY ARTICLE 2 OF THE FAO CONSTITUTION
IS A TERRITORY IT CONTROLS OR ADMINISTERS. WE DO NOT CONSIDER

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IT WISE FOR THE FSTURE OF THIS ORGANIZATION OR OTHER
ORGAINIZATIONS IN THE UN SYSTEM TO TAKE DECISIONS
WHICH CREATE CONFUSION AS TO THE MEANING OF THE CONCEPT
OF STATE OR NATION AS IT RELATES TO MEMBERSHIP IN UN ORGANI-
ZATIONS.

FOR THIS REASON, THOUGH THE FAO'S GENERAL COMMITTEE
TOOKS PAINS TO UNDERLINE THE EXCEPTIONAL LEGAL NATURE OF
THE APPLICATION OF NAMIBIA AS REPRESENTED BY THE COUNCIL OF
NAMIBIA BY CHARACTERIZING IT IN THIS MANNER, WE CANNOT AGREE
WITH THE DECISION TAKEN IN FAVOR OF ITS FULL MEMBERSHIP. IT
WOULD HAVE BEEN, IN OUR VIEW, A WISER COURSE TO ACCEPT THE COUNCIL
OF NAMIBIA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER, A STATUS IN WHICH IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN EQUALLY ABLE TO PURSUE THE BASIC PURPOSE OF UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION CITED IN ITS APPLICATION.
THAT PURPOSE, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, WAS TO ENCOURAGE SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA
CURRENTLY OUTSIDE OF THAT TERRITORY.

THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THAT OBJECTIVE. WE HAVE
PARTICIPATED DIRECTLY AND THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS IN
PROGRAMS TO ASSIST, TO FEED, AND TO TRAIN THE NAMIBIAN
PEOPLE WHO ARE PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR INDEPENDENCE. WE
ARE HAPPY TO SEE THESE HUMAN NEEDS MET BY THE AGENCIES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. WE WILL CONTINUE
TO TAKE THIS POSITION.

WE HOPE THE DAY WILL COME SOON WHEN THE PEOPLE OF
NAMIBIA WILL BE REPRESENTED HERE BY A GOVERNMENT CREATED
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BY THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. WE ARE WORKING ACTIVELY TOGETHER
WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF THIS
PROCESS. THEREFORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME STRESS AGAIN THAT
MY VOTE IMPLIES NO RESERVATION ABOUT THE PRESENCE HERE
OF DELEGATES REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF THE
PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA. WE JOIN IN WELCOMING THEM IN OUR MIDST.
OUR VOTE IS MOTIVATED BY THE SERIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERNS
REGARDING THE STATUS ACCORDED THEM WHICH I HAVE DESCRIBED.
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPRESS THE VIEWS OF MY GOVERNMENT.

MY DELEGATION, ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH AMERICAN REGION,
MOST WARMLY WELCOMES THE DELEGATES OF ANGOLA, COMOROS, DEMO-
CRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DJIBOUTI, MOZABIQUE,
NAMIBIA, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND SEYCHELLES. END TEXT

4. THE FINAL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE EIGHT NEW FAO MEMBERS
WAS:

ANGOLA 115 FOR, 6 ABSTENTIONS, 5 AGAINST
COMOROS 121 FOR, 5 ABSTENTIONS, 1 AGAINST
DEM. P.R. KOREA 110 FOR, 10 ABSTENTIONS, 7 AGAINST

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DJIBOUTI 123 FOR, 3 ABSTENTIONS, 1 AGAINST
MOZAMBIQUE 118 FOR, 6 ABSTENTIONS, 3 AGAINST
NAMIBIA 112 FOR, 11 ABSTENTIONS, 4 AGAINST
SAO TOME 122 FOR, 4 ABSTENTIONS, 1 AGAINST
SEYCHELLES 123 FOR, 1 ABSTENTION, 1 AGAINST
GARDNER UNQUOTE VANCE

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